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LB 194

Methodist Church, associate pastor of our chaplain for the day. He's seated in the back, I believe, with the chaplain for the day, so welcome to the Chamber. Good to have you all with us. Thank you. Moving then to Select File, first item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, (LB) 194 discussed yesterday. Enrollment and Review amendments were adopted, an amendment by Senator Schimek. First amendment this morning, Senator Wickersham, I have AM0570 in front of me, Senator. (See page 781 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. AM0570 is the result of discussions between representative of...representatives of county assessors and the Property Tax Administrator's Office. If you remember, LB 194, as it was advanced from General File, recodified a number of provisions that defined the relationship between the Property Tax Administrator's Office and the county assessor's office, as well as clarifying some language for the Property Tax Administrator. This amendment does a couple of different things. Again, it works at clarifying the relationship between the county assessor's office and the Property Tax Administrator's Office and, in several places, continues the effort to eliminate redundant language from the Property Tax Administrator sections. I can describe, in some detail I think, the proposals that define the relationship between the Property Tax Administrator's Office and the county assessor's. For example, one, there is a provision that allows the Property Tax Administrator's Office to promulgate certain standards for the operation of a county assessor's office. The amendments says that those standards can't extend to requiring particular computer hardware or software. There is a provision that says the Property Tax Administrator's Office cannot require the production of records between January 1st and April 1st, and I have an amendment that will change that slightly that we can take up next. There is a provision that says that if the Property Tax Administrator has had a...that there has been a suspension of the county assessor for some reason, there are provisions in the current law for assessment of costs for the operation of the county assessor's office during that period of